

implementing agencies under the Mini Mission-IV of Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh @ 50% of cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 4.00 crores for establishment of new units and Rs. 1.00 crore for upgradation and modernization of existing units. The Schemes of the Ministry are project oriented and not State specific. Assistance is considered based on complete and viable project proposals received through respective State Nodal Agencies. As such, State-wise financial allocations are not made. The Ministry does not set up projects on its own.

Sanctioning of food processing Industries

578. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food processing industries sanctioned and money allocated in the last two years;

(b) whether any industry has been sanctioned for Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) During the period 2004-05 to 2006-07 (upto February 2007), a total of 799 food processing units in the country have been sanctioned financial assistance amounting to Rs. 24383.97 lakhs. Of this, 136 food processing units belong to Maharashtra which have been sanctioned a grant of Rs. 3783.57 lakhs.

Increase in share of food processing market

†579. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in spite of India being among major foodgrains producers in the world, its share is less than even one per cent in processed food market;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.